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WESTERN VIRGINIA CAMPAIGN. Much has been said of the campaign in West rn Virginia; but the truth in relation to i was suppressed and the honors of the achieveent were appropriated by one to whom they did not belong, and most deplorable to the country has been the result of such appropria

The Lafayette (Indiana) Journal, of the 13th nstant, has the following article on the sub-

instant, has the iditioning article on the subject:

Shortly after the return of the three months men from Western Virginia and while the public mind was still throbbing over the victorious little campaign, it was announced, to the evident satisfaction of all, that the Major Generalship due to Indiana was to be conferred on Brigadier General T. A. Morris. Accepting this as a fact the subject soon dropped out of notice and was lost amid the rushing current of events; though in the meanwhile the promised appointment still bung fire. During the past season, however, the Cincinnati Gazetie in an article fraught with much public spirit and generous feeling re-called attention to his name, and after recapitulating the leading particulars of his active, able and successful career in Western Virginia, protested in a calm but earnest manner against the unjust neglect with which he had been requited. This article received a passing half from the Indiana Press and then in its turn sank into oblivion.

It now appears that the recent victory at Fort Dopelson is on the point of giving a new direction to Executive laver, and that the post of honor is to be conferred on Gen. Lew. Wallace, a proceeding which would ten diffectually to retire Gen. Morris from all hops of military reward.

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of honor is to be conferred on Gen. Lew. WalLee, a proceeding which would tend effectually
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There is something so ungenerous in the spectacle of public ingratitude, that spology is unnecessary for saying a word at this jencture in
heal of Gen. Morris, whose own native difidence, leading him teshun all acts of self-laudation or advancement, will never permit him to
make his case known through any effort of his,
direct or indirect. What appears here is written upon the writer's own individual suggestion, whose desire is not to subtract a leaf from
the laurest justly due to Gen. Wallace, but
merely to recall some of the facts which entitle
Gen. Morris to consideration at this time.

The three mentis campaign in Western Virginia is now among the by-gones, and great
victories, elsewhere won since then, tend to
reduce at to the present eye. But when the
history of this war comes to be written, the
ionate importance of that campaign will again
re-appear, and then the pervading services of
Gen. Morris will obtain their appreciation.
The campaign itself formed a complete chapter, perfect in its plan and its unities and delighting the nation with the uniform successes
attending its execution. But the rue musterspirit thereof remains yet to be declared and
vindicated. He has been the victim of the
military principle which reflects upon the
difference of rank allowed the former to
absorb the deads of the latter. He studiously employed the advantage; suppressing
whatever was calculated to bring Morris into a
just appreciation; suppressing his dispatches,
and, amid a windy series of self-laudatory proclamations, etc., (announcing the various operations of the campaign,) suppressing his very
name, and taking to himself the glory of his
work. The public, unacquainted with particlars, thus seen became educated in the greatlonged the credit of its successful closs. By no
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lars, thus seen became educated in the greatness of McCellan. Time passed, and the campaign closed, but not to the Chief General belonged the credit of its successful close. By no means. To him, however, fell the high reward. The same train carried the Chief and Brigadier out of Western Virginia, but the military throne of the land awaited the former; retirement and neglect the latter. There is now good reason to believe that the high influence of the Commander-in-Chief has been used to prevent the just reward originally intended for Morris; It will yet be established, however, if truth, though tardy, will pravail at last, how much the country owes the conception and success of that campaign to Morris, and how remarks high McClellan fell short in the execution of that branch of the pian which he undertook to carry out. The limits of this article forbid a length send review of events. Suffice it that not until Morris had, after the ardous labors of three weeks, insured the security of the railcoads to Grafton, systematized the forces under his command, routed Porterfield at Philips and driven the rebels to Laurel Ridge did McClellan veniure his person into the theatre of hostill ties as far as the headquarters of Morris. Here there was kind before him a detailed plan for the winding up of rebellion in that region; a long with had in view the canture of all their there was laid before him a detailed plan for the winding up of rebellion in that region; a plan which had in view the capture of all their forces, then concentrated in the great camp of tarnett at Laurel Ridge, and which involved the joint operation of two columns moving by parallel lines upon the position and utilimately attacking it in front and rear. The plan was adopted by McCellan and put into motion—he himself assuming command of the right column moving down from Clarkaburg, while Morris led the left—via Phillips—destined against the front and most dangerous point of the snemy's position. How faithfully and courageausly Morris performs the storehouses, containing a large amount of four, by the retreating rebels from Manassas, on the road to Winchester, there were on Friday found fifty-two freight cars. the foot of Laurel Hidge, and there, at the risk of an unequal engagement, blockading [10,10] and should mention be made in the latter's behalf of Rich Mountain, let it he added that that battle, resulting in the less of so many of our brave men, was not a part of the original plan and might bave been avoided had McCliellan, and might bave been avoided had McCliellan been as prompt in the investment of the stream o

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Postraces Moxfor, March 15.—The telegraph line hence became interrupted to-day owing to a breek in the cable. This will explain the failure to transmit telegraphic inteligence to the press to day from this point. It will be repaired the first fair day.

Gov. Pierpont, of Virginia, having issued a writ for an election in the first congressional district, the poll was opened in this precinct to day. About 200 votes were thrown, all of which were for Joseph Segar.

In pursuance of orders from the War Department for a separation of the administration of the affairs of contrabands from military authority, a general order was issued to day by Gen. Wool, appointing Charles B. Wilder to the office of superintendent of vagrants or contrabands in this department. Food, clothing and shelter will be furnished as heretofore, until further orders.

Active operations of some sort have been going on at Sewall's Point for a day or two, whether for reinforcement or evacuation, is uncertain. A gun was fired from the Rip Raps last night at a suspicious-looking craft in that vicinity. A number of vessels have recently been seen off that point.

The United States krigate San Jacinto arrived here to day.

here to day.

ARRIVAL OF PARSON BROWNLOW AT NASHVILLE Askivator passos amountow are assistant.

Nishville, March 15.—Parson Browniow and his son arrived here to-day. He says he was imprisoned in the common jail at Knoxville, on December 6th, in violation of the agree ment with the rebel government, and confined in a small damp room, until he was attacked by the typhoid fever, when he was removed to his residence, and was three laid up eight weeks, under a strict guard. Having partly recovered he got a pass from the rebel government and left Knoxville two weeks ago. He was detained, by order of Gen. Hardee, at Shelbyville, for ten days, and finally reached the Federal lines this morning. He declines starting his paper here on account of ill health, and proceeds North to publish the story of his wrongs. He has not been affected by consumption, as reported. Nushville, March 15.—Pacson Brownios

BAILING OF COM. POOTE'S GUNBOAT AND MOR TAR PLEET DOWN THE MISSISSIPPI RIVER. HICKMAN, Ky., March 15.—The powerful na HICKMAN, Ky., March 16.—The powerful ma-val expedition, composed of the gunboats Ben-ton. Louisville, Cincinnati, Carondelet, and Connestoga. under Commedore Foote, left Cairo at 7 o'clock this morning. At Columbus they were joined by the gunboats Pittsburg, St. Louis and Mound City, making a total of eight gunboats, and were overtaken by eight mortar boats in tow of four steamers, with transports and ordinance boats. The fleet arrived here at 4½ octock, this atternoon. Mounted pickets of the enemy were in sight on the bluff, on our arrival, and two companies of the

punt, on our arrival, and two companies of th Twenty seventh Illinois were sent after them but they escaped.

There is a strong Union leeling manifeste

Sr. Louis, March 16.—A private letter received yesterday from officers in Gen. Curtis'
army says that the rebels in force are still in
the rear of the Federal army, and another bat
tie is soon expected.

In the late fight at Sugar Creek, the fourth
division stood the brunt of the battle. The
Fourth and Ninth lows and the First and
Third lows batteries are terribly cut up. One
hundred and eighty out of five hundred in the
Fourth lows were killed and wounded. Every
field officer in Dodge's brigade was wounded.
Gen. Dodge had three horses killed under him
and one wounded. Captains Burton and Burman and Lieutenant Crittenden were wounded.
Lieut. Jackson was killed.

ABRIVAL OF THE CALIFORNIA STEAMER ARIEL.

New York, March 16.—The steamer Ariel,
from Aspinwall, with \$677,000 in treasure has
arrived from California. Capts. Schenck and
Smith and Licuis. Hall and Robie, of the navy,
are passengers. The U.S. frigate Saranac remained at Panama.

The Freedmen of the South—What Shall be Done With Them?

Sin: The disposition to be made of the Africans who are thrown upon the proceeding of the General Government by the progress of our armies, is a subject of transcendage importunated the present of the pre

our armies, is a subject of transcendant Impor-tance at the present moment.

Hundreds of thousands of this unfortunate people, and among them many of the mest ad-vanced intelligence, in the South, can now b-colonised and made free and independent, without any other action on the part of the National Government than the gift of a settle-ment beyond the limits of our own territory. This can be done now. Hereafter it will be too lafe, when the Union is restored and the rights of all will stand again on the basis of the Constitution.

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To provide a settlement and government for the African race on this continent, is a duty which, if promptly performed on the part of the Government, will secure an inestimable blessing to the future of our own country as well as to the cause of humanity and civilization; while it would be an impossible bar to future litigation in the courts, which will otherwise occupy the attention of the next generation.

tion.

To provide a government for the colored population within the limits of any State of this Union is too palpable an infraction of the Constitution to admit of any controversy what-

population within the timbs of any State of this Union is too palpable an infraction of the Constitution to admit of any controversy whatsoever.

There is no territory belonging to the United States adapted by soll or climate to the African people, and even if this were not the case, the very purpose would be defeated for which the colony would be initiated—the object being to secure freedom forever for these Africans, by putting them beyond the power of molestation by the rebels who have held them as slaves.

Liberia is too remote to meet the exigency of the case, and beside the enormous expensivable it would cost the Government, these people would never remove there without compulsion.

Hayti is wholly under European influences, which are intensely hostille to the United States, and will forever remain so, unless at some future day this Government shall extend its jurisdiction over the West India Islands.

The policy of colonizing our African people would be to place them under an influence friendly to this Government, and favorable to their political and social advancement.

Central America presents this field. Its climate, soil, and wealth in natural products, preminently adapt it to the African—whilst there he would at once be placed upon an entire social and political equality with the native or other resident.

It must be plain to every statesman that, upon the restoration of the Union, Central America and Mexico will become more and more under the influence of the Union Central America and Mexico will become more and more under the influence of the Union Central America and France, hitherto so potential, will be constantly diminishing in Influence over these Powers.

Thus the United States Government is destined to become really the guardian and protector of both Central America and Mexico.

ined to become really the guardian and pro-ector of both Central America and Mexico. Could we look into the vista of the future, it might be clearly seen that, by the necessary operations of social and natural law, the negro race of this continent will be the predomina-ing and governing race of all tropical America; and this Government, in settling a colony there

ing and governing race of all tropical America; and this Government, in settling a colony there to-day, will be but laying the foundation for a vast colored empire.

The question of immediately colonizing the people of color, who obtain their freedom by the march of our armies, as well as those who are otherwise free, is a vital one to all the States of the Union.

The African p-pulation who are free, have been regarded and treated as a disturbing element, more or less, in all the States of the Union. So much so that several of the Southern States have prohibited the manumitted slaves to remain among them; and have even passed laws reducing them again to slavery for a failure to remove; or expelling them.

In many of the free States the disposition to expel the free colored population has been even more intensely manifested.

Leaving out of view the more important moral and political considerations, the colonizing of some eligible locality in Central America demands the serious attention of Congress from conomical considerations.

The expense of the purchase of the land and the transportation of the negroes would amount actually to less in money than it will cost the Government to subsist them in any part of this

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The means of living would at once be in possession of every emigrant; so that an outlay for their subsistence need not extend beyond a few weeks from the time they are landed on that soil.

Such facilities for enterprise and thrift as that country offers, in connection with its configuity to us, would induce these people glau to accept the boon of liberty and independence which it is the duty of this Government now to offer them.

Thousands of slaveholders in the South we is joyfully emancipate their slaves, were a selection.

than the actual cost of the Anna Ella Carroll March 6. THE WOMEN OF NASHVILLE AND THE FEDERAL Soldiers.-A Nashville correspondent of the

Cincinnati Times says: Cincinnati Times says:

For some unaccountable reason the women of this section do not favor the Northern soldiers. In their march towards Nashville they were frequently greeted by some lemale dwellers by the roadside with "There goes the Yankees;" "We'll some see another Buil Run; and other expressions not very complimentary to Northern ears. On one occasion, as General Nelson was riding at the head of his command, one of these female Secsionists thrust her head from the window and screamed "Hurrain for Jeff. Davis: Hurrain for Jeff. Bassed if it don't quarter a man in your house who is covered all over with the small-pox." This had the desired effect, and the adulator of Jeff. Davis: retired into obscurity until the soldiers were out of sight. were out of sight.

A JOCULAR PRESISTION VERIFIED.-The Richmond Enquirer has the following in connection with the Reanoke Island affair:

with the Rosnoke Island affair:

An authentic ancedote of Major Hugh W
Fry has reached us, and is so thoroughly characteristic of the man that we cannot forbear
giving it publication. During the heat of the
conflict Major Fry, with a batalion of inhuntry,
was conveyed to the island to reinforce its defenders. Upon debarking from the steamer
upon Rosnoke, Major Fry Jocularly exciaimed:
"All passengers for Fort Warren will please
take the coach on the left hand side." The
sally provoked a general outburst of laughter,
but within two hours atterwards the joke was
proven to have been prophetic; the joces Major
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